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SUBJ: AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN FIFTH UNIVERSITY SOCCER WORLD

CHAMPIONSHIP

POST HAS RECEIVED SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE URUGUAYAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS LEAGUE TO HELP OBTAIN THE PARTICIPATION OF AN AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM IN THE FIFTH UNIVERSITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN MONTEVIDEO AUGUST 1 TO 15, 1976. THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, HEADED BY COL. YACI ROVIRA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NEGATIVE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN SOCCER ATHLETIC FEDERATION IN TUCSON, ARIZONA TO URUGUAY'S INVITATION AND HOPE DECISION CAN BE REVISED. COL. ROVIRA WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY NICHOLAS RODIS, VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS (1962-67), WHO ENDORSED ROVIRA'S REQUEST AND WHO IS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CONSULTATION IN THIS MATTER. ALL LOCAL COSTS INCLUDING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND BOARD WILL BE PAID BY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. VISITING TEAM SHOULD PAY OWN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM FRANCE, FEDERAL GERMANY, HOLLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, ALGERIA, SOUTH KOREA, IRAN AND INDONESIA; CONFIRMATION IS AWAITED FROM ARGENTINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT ENSURE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP INCLUDING POSSIBILITY SPECIAL FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. EARLY REPLY WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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